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I oppose Proposal 13 which seeks authority to restrict fruit shipped to market destinations.

As a medical student, I would like to say that you need to think about the poor and underprivileged, who frequently come to clinics with chronic health problems that stem from poor eating choices. A lot of those poor eating choices are reinforced by expensive fresh produce, and comparatively cheap carb-rich options. We need to protect these people too, and dumping fruit to protect prices for large-scale farmers seems a lapse in priorities to me!

It's not right that government tries to force me to pay more by reducing the options available to me.

Just because some fruit growers want to prop up prices by restricting our choices doesn't mean the government should back them up.

Let consumers have freedom of choice. The government should not tell us what we can buy. As long as fruit is healthy, mature, and nutritious, the government should not restrict it.

Restricting choice can only mean higher prices for consumers. The poor will be harmed most by such restrictions.